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Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith via facsimile is Supplemental Amendment in the above-captioned application.

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The instant amendment supplements the amendment filed 20 July 2000, in response to the Office Action mailed January 20, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1, 2, 4,16, 19, and 26-49, without prejudice or disclaimer, and add the following replacement claims.

50. A human TNF α molecule capable of raising neutralizing antibodies towards unmodified human TNF α following administration of said TNF α to a human host, wherein one or more peptide fragments of the human TNF α molecule has been substituted by one or more peptides containing immunodominant cell epitopes or a truncated form of said molecule containing the immunodominant epitope and one or both flanking regions of the unmodified human TNF α -molecule comprising at least one TNF α B cell epitope, wherein the substitution introduces a change in the amino acid sequence of any one of the strands of the front β -sheet, in any one of the connecting loops, or in any one of the B', I, or D strands of the back β -sheet.

